

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Minutes of Business Meeting – June 9, 2014
Held at DCRA Conference Room, 1100 4th St. SW, Washington DC 20024
Roger Moffatt, Chair

Pre-meeting Presentations

- Mr. Forrest from DC Water on the Clean Rivers Project
- Maisie Hughes and Emily Oaksford on Casey Trees' efforts regarding DC's tree canopy
- Marc Bleyer of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development on improvements coming this summer to the path across the city-owned site north of 1100 4th St. SW. They have the funds to install either a single paved diagonal path or to use an ADA-compliant crushed stone product to add additional paths that could be helpful for the 5x5 art exhibit on the site.

Pre-meeting Announcements

- Washington Council for the Arts: They are partnering with the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities on the 5x5 exhibition on the site north of 1100 4th St. SW, sponsoring artmaking at Randall Recreation Center through Sasha Bruce Youthworks, hosting synchronized swimming demonstration at Capitol Skyline August 16, and more. For more information, signup for listserv at wpadc.org
- CM Cloyd: There will be a Capper Community Center planning meeting June 11 at 7pm at 200 I St. SE.
- CM Carroll: There will be a DDOT North-South Corridor meeting June 10 from 3:30-8:30pm at 1100 4th St. SW 2nd floor, with presentations at 4 and 7pm.

The Commission convened at approximately 7:06 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Roger Moffatt (chairing) Rachel Reilly Carroll, Stacy Cloyd, David Garber, and Andy Litsky. ANC staff position is vacant.

**Minutes to be reviewed prior to and approved at July meeting*

Approval of Agenda

CM Litsky moved to approve the agenda, CM Moffatt seconded.

- CM Garber asked to add to the agenda a resolution in opposition to a proposed "fitness tax"
- CM Litsky asked to add a resolution in support of SWNA's application for a \$5000 grant from the DC Preservation League to study mid-century churches.
- CM Moffatt noted that the ANC's July meeting will be July 14 at 1000 4th St SW, 2nd floor (not SE, as indicated on proposed agenda).

With those changes, the agenda was approved 5-0-0.

Introduction of Commissioners

Wharf Construction Updates

- Matt Steenhoek from Hoffman-Madison Waterfront discussed the public space permit they're submitting shortly—could be on DDOT's 6/24 meeting agenda. There will be 15' setbacks on Maine Ave so there can be wide sidewalks and trees on private land. On public land, they propose a 10' bidirectional grade-separated cycletrack made of permeable asphalt and a 5' space for existing and new trees. Maine Avenue will have a sub-road space for streetcar tracks in case they are installed in the future. Would like a letter of support from ANC. CM Litsky

moved for letter of support for Hoffman-Madison's requested public space permit. CM Moffatt seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

- Presentation and other information about the Wharf is available at www.wharfdc.com and the SW library.
- St. Augustine's redevelopment (Parcel 11B) is proceeding with 108 units and 93 parking spaces below grade. The copper beech tree on the site will likely not be preserved but some other trees along Maine and 6th will be.
- Summer events at the Wharf will run 17 weeks June-September. Described on website, Southwester, and flier provided at meeting.

Approval of May Minutes

CM Cloyd moved, CM Litsky seconded

Approved 5-0-0 (CM Hamilton arrived, CM Litsky temporarily absent)

Fundraising walks/races

- Kristen Fagley for the 6th Annual Prevent Cancer Foundation 5k, to be held 9/21/14 at 9am with 1500-2000 walkers along untimed course through Navy Yard and surrounding area. Course marshals will be able to stop participants for emergency vehicles. CM Garber moved to send letter in support, CM Litsky seconded. Passed 6-0-0.
- Fred Tressler for the AAFP 5K, to be held 10/25/14 from 6:30-7:30am. Free entry to public because pharmaceutical company sponsors it. CM Carroll moved, CM Litsky seconded. Passed 6-0-0.

Development, Planning, and Transportation

- Buzzard Point Stadium-Related Street Closures: CM Moffatt moved that we send a letter to Scott Burrell at the surveyor's office that it's premature to ask for street closures in the area. CM Hamilton seconded. Passed 6-0-0.
- Historic Designation, Capitol Park Tower, 301 G St. SW: After a presentation by Cecille Chen of SWNA, CM Carroll moved to submit a resolution to HPRB in support of the application. CM Litsky seconded. Passed 6-0-0.
- Historic Designation, Randall Recreation Center: After a presentation by Kael Anderson and Hayden Wetzel of SWNA, CM Cloyd moved, to submit a resolution to the HPRB in support of the application. CM Garber seconded. Passed 6-0-0.
- Historic Designation, Museum of the Bible: After a presentation by David Avitable of Goulston & Storrs and Harry Hargrave on behalf of the building owners Museum of the Bible Foundation on plans for the building (originally Terminal Refrigeration Warehouse, recently Washington Design Center, planned Museum of the Bible). It's a matter of right development, but they are seeking support for landmark application and for conceptual design—they'll come back for public space plan. They are happy to hire local residents when possible and do not consider the foundation a "religious or political organization" that would be exempt from some requirements of DC's Human Rights Act. They will work with DDOT to provide allowable benches and bike racks. CM Carroll moved to write letter of support of historic designation and proposed design. CM Garber seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.
- CM Litsky moved that the ANC send a letter to the DC Preservation League in support of SWNA's application for a \$5000 grant to study mid-century churches in ANC 6D: St. Augustine's, St. Matthews, Christ United Methodist, Westminster, and Riverside. The product would be a publication. Kael Anderson of SWNA says they have no plans to request landmarking of any of

the existing churches, and that Rev. Ruth Hamilton of Westminster supports the grant. CM Cloyd seconded and it passed 6-0-0.

- 50 M St. SE Capitol Gateway overlay: Rob Ern from Cooper Carry architects noted they took ANC's feedback to heart. They can't fit retail on Half street but can make the ground floor on Half look more like retail and have a more inviting streetscape. They now plan an aged red brick look instead of gray brick. Bike racks in parking garage and on sidewalk. CM Garber asked if they'd consider putting bike racks in front of retail and they will. CM Cloyd asked about off-street bus parking (they can't build a circular driveway or design a way for buses to enter garage) and Bikeshare (they'll ask DDOT). They'll work on more landscaping on Half Street before they come back for public space permit. CM Cloyd moved to provide a letter of support, CM Garber seconded, passed 6-0-0.
- ZC #03-12Q Capper/Carrollburg: DCHA would like to put 30 of the 270 affordable (ACC) units they still need to build onto Square 737, a building currently under construction by William C. Smith just outside of the PUD area. They noted it would get the units delivered faster, in a building that otherwise would have no affordable housing, and with the same term of affordability. They plan to put 34 ACC units on Square 769N, and want flexibility as to how many of the remaining 206 ACC units would be located in each of Squares 739, 767, and 768. Finally, they want an extension of the second-stage PUD for Squares 739, 767, and 768 until 12/31/18.
 - CM Garber moved to oppose move of ACC units to Square 737 and flexibility of ACC units on Squares 739, 767, and 768 and to support an extension of the PUD only until 12/31/15. CM Litsky seconded.
 - CM Cloyd offered amendment supporting allowing 30 ACC units to be built on Square 737, while still opposing DCHA's requested flexibility on Squares 739, 767, and 768. CM Litsky seconded and it passed 5-0-1 (CM Carroll abstaining).
 - Main motion passed 6-0-0.

Alcoholic Beverage Committee

- Takorean: CM Garber moved to support the settlement agreement passed 4-0 by the ABC and withdraw the ANC's ABRA protest. CM Litsky seconded. Passed 5-0-1 (Hamilton abstaining).
- Harris Teeter: hearing occurred without a settlement agreement or ANC protest.
- ABC Committee Operation: CM Moffatt nominated Coralie Farlee as chair of the ABC. CM Hamilton seconded. Passed 5-0-0. (Litsky temporarily absent).

Other Presentations and Motions

- Home Health Agency: CM Moffatt moved to send letter of support. CM Cloyd seconded. Passed 6-0-0.
- Street Sweeping: CM Cloyd moves to postpone this item until July meeting since it involves CM Marrero's Single Member District and he is absent, and the ANC had not been provided with a signed petition by the required number of residents. CM Moffatt seconded. Passed 6-0-0.
- Shakespeare Theater: CM Litsky noticed that on 5/29/14 owners of the former Southeastern University site applied for raze permit. He moved to send a letter to DCRA to oppose the raze permit for 501 I St. CM Cloyd seconded. The Shakespeare Theater Company's attorney announced her presence and explained her client does not yet own the site and the owners requested a raze permit as a way of determining if a landmark application would be made for the site, which could affect what they would pay for it. The motion passed 5-1-0 (Cloyd opposed).

- Soccer Stadium: CM Litsky moved to write a letter to Council Chair Mendelson insisting on hearings & community involvement. CM Moffatt seconded. Approved 6-0-0.
- Fitness Tax: CM Garber moved to send letter to Council in opposition to proposed “wellness tax.” CM Carroll seconded. Passed 4-2-0. (Cloyd and Litsky opposed).

Commission Updates and Administrative Matters

- No Chair’s Report
- Treasurer’s Report: May end balance \$5077.22. Audits were approved, except Check 717, which was written during the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2013, is missing. The balance of that check (slightly over \$300) has been withheld.

Community Concerns

- Bill Schickler encouraged CMs who hadn’t signed open letter to Office of Planning about Small Area Plan to do so. Also noted that we need to look at Metro’s capacity when considering future development.
- Caeli Andrews spoke on behalf of 89 residents of Velocity Condominium about problems with the design of River Parc, the Toll Brothers development immediately to their north.
- Bradley Gudzinis, also of Velocity Condominium, agreeing about problems with River Parc, including the fact that the building adds no retail or public amenities.
 - CM Garber agreed to email developers and cc Cloyd about the Velocity’s concern, but commissioners noted the building did not have to come before the ANC.
- Rosemary Weiner of Harbor Square expressed concern about the Wharf’s extension of piers into Washington Channel
- Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Wells’ office noted that Mr. Wells is hosting his final Ward 6 community family fun day on 6/21 at Elliot-Hine Middle School from 1-5pm.

The commission adjourned at approximately 10:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Stacy Cloyd

Attested by: _____